

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/728,693	Applicant(s) ALBERTSON ET AL.	
	Examiner Katherine W. Mitchell	Art Unit 3677	

All Participants:

(1) Katherine W. Mitchell.

(2) John Geizentanner.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

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Date of Interview: 14,24 July 2005
Time: various
Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.
Rejection(s) discussed:

no

Claims discussed:

9, 96-98, 2-4, 13, 44, 57-89

Prior art documents discussed:

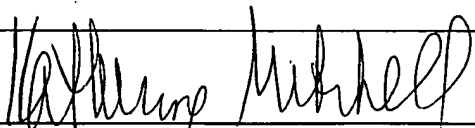
no

Part II.
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: examiner noted minor corrections required, including cancelling withdrawn claims and minor typing error corrections. Based on the in-person interview with applicant and inventor, Examiner was concerned that the method required the step of inserting the fastener, which would indicate that a worker inserting the fastener would also select and apply the color, rather than select a pre-colored and coded fastener. This step was omitted by examiner's amendment.

The method of identifying the physical properties is done by the manufacturer of the fastener - not the user of the fastener in the field; i.e., the manufacturer determines that a fastener having at least 2 physical properties - say, length and diameter, would be colored a particular color and would color code the fastener and the key accordingly.

However, upon further review of the art, examiner notes that Dickson does teach multiple physical properties identified with graphic indicia, although he is not specific that the indicia is a single color for multiple properties. However, the concept of identifying multiple fastener properties to assist in visual inspection and verification is taught, and the duplication or combination of indicia and/or property is not considered an inventive step - merely a duplication or combination.